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SUBJ: HAMDY RIVALS LEAVE YAR

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ INFORMED AMBASSADOR AND DCM THURSDAY, JULY 1, THAT WILY AND LEFT-LEANING RIVAL OF PRESIDENT HAMDY, SINAR ABU LUHUM, HAS LEFT YEMEN TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE IN CAIRO AND LONDON. ASNAJ SAID ABU LUHUM WAS ILL BUT HIS DEPARTURE WAS OF INDEFINITE DURATION AND MOTIVE. HE WOULD CERTAINLY INCLUDE CONTACT WITH BROTHER-IN-LAW MUHSIM AL-AYNI WHO IS NOW IN LONDON AND REPORTEDLY MEETING WITH BOTH LIBYAN AND IRAQI AGENTS.

2. EMBASSY INFORMED JULY 3, BY USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT MOUJAHID ABU SHUWARIB, WHO BLAMED BY HAMDY FOR MOST OF DISRUPTION IN NORTH, HAS COME TO SANA WITH BROTHER-IN-LAW ABDULLAH BIN HUSSAIN AL-AHMAR TO SEEK HAMDY PERMISSION TO TRAVEL ABROAD, ALSO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. SOURCE REPORTED IN ADDITION THAT THERE SOME TALK MOUJAHID MIGHT ACCEPT LONG-STANDING OFFER AS MILITARY ATTACHE ABROAD.

3. COMMENT: IF DEPARTURES OCCUR AS REPORTED ABOVE AND ABSENCES OF ALL THREE MEN LAST FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, HAMDY WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH DISCONTENT NORTH

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OF SANA MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY. THESE THREE MEN ARE CHIEF

RECIPIENTS OF LIBYAN AND IRAQI FUNDS WHICH HAVE REACHED
SURPRISINGLY LARGE PROPORTIONS IN LAST THREE MONTHS.
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